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Where you threw aside all fetters,
Spoke your thought and mind out freely in your own delightful style:
And I fear my state's alarming,
For these pages are so charming,
That my heart I lay before you,—take it,
Jennie Welsh Carlyle.

And I sit here thinking, thinking,
How your life was one long winking
At poor Thomas' faults and failings, and his undue share of bile!
Won't you own, dear, just between us,
That this living with a genious
Isn't after all so pleasant,—is it,
Jeannie Welsh Carlyle!

There was nothing that's demeaning
In those frequent times of cleaning,
When you scoured and scrubbed and hammered, in such true housewifely style;
And those charming teas and dinners,
Graced by clever saints and sinners,
Make me long to have been present—with you,
Jennie Welsh Carlyle.

How you fought with dogs and chickens,
Playing young women, and the dickens
Knows what else: you stilled all racket, that might Thomas' sleep beguile;
How you wrestled with the taxes,
How you ground T. Carlyle's axes,
Making him the more dependent on
Jeannie Welsh Carlyle.

Through it all from every quarter
Gleams, like sunshine on the water,
Your quick sense of fun and humor, and your bright, bewitching smile;
And I own, I fairly revel
In the way that you say "devil."
'Tis so terse, so very vigorous, so like
Jeannie Welsh Carlyle.

All the time, say, were you missing
Just a little love and kissing,—
Silly things, that help to lighten many a weary, dreary while?
Never a word you say to show it;
We may guess, but never know it;
You went quietly on without it—loyal
Jeannie Welsh Carlyle.

MORMON SLAVERY.

A Girl Driven into Polygamy by Her Father and the Ward Bishop.

Salt Lake Tribune.

A machine agent, who travels much in the settlements, has related to a Tribune reporter some incidents he has met with, one of which is worthy of telling to our readers as a sample how girls are driven into polygamy. Last June the agent stopped for the night at Snowville, Box Elder County, located about 30 miles northeast of Kelton. The inhabitants in that valley are chiefly Scandinavians and know little else except to obey implicitly the dictates of their ward bishop. After the agent had fed his team and gained permission to sleep in the hay that night, he took out his violin, and playing some easy air, was joined in song by the girl of the house, named Lizzie, who was about 17 years old and lived with her parents. During the evening a man 45 years of age came in and he and Lizzie retired to one of the small rooms. Next morning our friend asked the girl if she was married, and she burst out crying and told the story of her life, which was in substance as follows:

"That man who claims me for his wife has three other wives. He wanted me to marry him and I refused to do so. He begged and pleaded, and my father ordered me to marry him. Last November we went to Salt Lake on Wednesday, and put up at a hotel, he passing me off for his wife, and engaging one room for us. Next day we went through the Endowment House and were married. That night he took me to the theatre, and while the play was on he got up and went out and did not come back. When the theatre was over I went out, expecting to find him at the door waiting for me, but he was not there; so I waited and waited, and not knowing where the hotel was, or any one in the city, began to cry, when a policeman came to me and asked me what was the matter. I told him, and he went with me to several hotels and looked at the names on the register. I found our room and went to bed. About 2 o'clock he came to our room very drunk and I had to help him to bed. After we got home he abused me, does not care for me, but makes me live with my father, and he comes here and stays part of the time. I sent a letter to John Taylor and asked him to give me a divorce, but Taylor sent the letter to our bishop, and he came to see me and told me not to ask for a divorce, and said, 'I prophesy in the name of Israel's God that unless you stay with the man you married in the Endowment House, you will be eternally damned.'"

During the recital of this story by the girl, who told much more, she said her life was a miserable one, that she would like to get away from her sad lot, but could not.

Her case is only one of the thousands of similar ones in the Mormon church, where girls are led in as strong slavery as that of the colored race prior to the late war.

THEORY OF CROP ROTATION.

A writer in Country Gentleman, makes these suggestions:—

"It is now generally admitted that rotation of crops is rendered necessary, not as formerly supposed because the soil becomes exhausted of some necessary element, or becomes unwholesome, or that particular plant, owing to poisonous excreta left by the roots, but because insects and diseases accompany the plant which are special to it, the eggs or spores of which are left in the soil to attack the same crop in the next following year with hundred fold increase of numbers and power. Prof. Bessey of the Iowa Agricultural College, shows how this is the case with smut, which grows up all through the interior of a wheat plant, and finally develops its spores within the bran casing of the grian, filling it not with flour but with innumerable black, stinking seed of the parasite which, when set free, float out and stick to sound grains of wheat and also to particles of the soil where they lie ready to enter into the circulation of the next year's growth of wheat plants, unless killed by steeping the polluted seed in a blue vitrol solution, and drying off with lime. As to polluted soil it is purified from the contamination only by using it for some other crop on which the smut plant cannot take hold."

SUNDAY'S STORM.

A Fearful Hurricane on Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—At Petosky, Mich., yesterday about noon the wind changed round into the west, and by the middle of the afternoon a violent gale was blowing a tremendous sea into the bay. In the forenoon O. M. Chase, superintendent of State Fisheries, accompanied by C. H. Brownell, his assistant, and George M. Armstrong, foreman of the Petosky Hatchery, went over to Harbor Springs to give some final directions about a shipment of spawn. They chartered a Mackinaw fish boat manned by Moses Detweiller and his sons George and Charles, and his nephew George, all experienced and brave seamen. At 3:30 the party left the harbor on the other side

IN SPITE OF EARNEST REMONSTRANCE

not to attempt the perilous passage. When about half way across the boat was seen to capsize. Although it seemed impossible for a boat to live in the sea a volunteer crew made a desperate attempt to rescue two of the party, who could be plainly seen from the shore clinging to the boat, but they were unable to reach them on account of a blinding snow storm and heavy sea, and they were hardly able to get back themselves. About 9 o'clock Detweiller's boat,

WITH ONE OF ITS SIDES BURST IN,

was driven on the beach at Bay View, but not one of the bodies have yet come to land. The probabilities are that none of the bodies will be recovered immediately, as they sank in deep water, with a heavy undercurrent making out into the lake. At 1 o'clock this morning the new city dock, Bell's dock, Rose's dock and the Bay River dock were swept out. Many nets in the bay were destroyed. The loss to individual and public property is very large. Mr. Chase was very popular with our people, and his loss to the State cannot easily be made good. Brawnell and Armstrong are strangers here having recently come to the city, and the former leaves a wife and two children, the latter a wife and one child. The Detweillers were all sober, industrious men and greatly respected. Moses Detweiller, the father leaves an aged wife, George, the oldest, a wife and two small children.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

A Terrible Holocaust at Shenandoah, Pa.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Nov. 12.—A fire occurred to-night in the United States hotel, a large three story frame structure on the corner of Dain and Celtic streets. The wind was blowing a hurricane at the time and continued during the afternoon. The whole building was soon enveloped in flames, which communicated to the adjoining building north of Centre street. The flames then communicated to the block opposite and at 3 o'clock 16 street fronts were destroyed, including the U. S. Hotel, the Oddfellows' Hall, the Acadamy of Music, the Herald office, and Row's Opera House. The Herald and Saturday Evening News offices are ruined. Assistance was telegraphed for which was responded to from Pottsville, Ashland, Girardville, Tamaqua, Mahony City, and other places.

OVER 250 FAMILIES ARE HOMELESS,

having lost everything. The loss is estimated at from $750,000 to $1,000,000. It is impossible to give the amount of the insurance, but it is supposed to be large. But few serious accidents happened. A young man named Geo. Henton, on his way home, attempted to jump on a passing engine and had both legs taken off, and will die. A special meeting of the Council and citizens was held this evening, when the following

APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC

was drawn up: A terrible holocaust has swept the town, and two hundred and fifty families are homeless to-night. Most of them have lost their all and are without provisions or change of clothing. The weather is bitter cold, and a strong northwest gale is still blowing. Everything possible for their immediate relief is being done, but we must have help. Who will aid us and give at once? A relief committee, with John Cathers as treasurer, has been appointed, and will receive all contributions of clothing or money that the generous public may be charitable enough to send. (Signed.) D. J. Williams, Chief Burgess; J. J. Powell, President of the Council; John Cardan, Secretary, and others.

A BARBER'S WAY OF ATTRACTING CUSTOM.

A Dublin barber has hit upon an ingenious expedient for soliciting custom. He supplies liquid refreshment to the victim in the chair without extra charge. With the shave goes a glass of whiskey, and with the more deliberate and complex operation of hair-cutting a full bottle of stout. The first effect of this novel experiment in trade was the promotion of habits of neatness and cleanliness among his regular customers. Those who had been shaved twice a week now dropped into the chair twice a day, and hair that had once been allowed to grow in tangled luxuriance was trimmed as often as once a week. Eventually great inroads were made upon the trade of rival artists in the streets, and an adventitious temperance agitation was set in motion. A customer who had received his toddy in the chair was bribed by these jealous rivals to apply to the magistrate for a warrant, and the enterprising barber was heavily fined for selling liquor without a license. He may, however, resume business with a license.

The prairie country of Alabama is suffering drouth.

Six ostriches landed Friday in New York for a farm in Florida.

San Francisco made 14,134,000 cigars in September—a slight falling off.

TIGHT BINDING

C. P. R. TIME TABLE.

GOING EAST.		
Winnipeg	Leave	[illegible]
Rat Portage	Arrive	[illegible] 35 p.m
	Leave	[illegible] p.m
Port Arthur	Arrive	[illegible] p.m
GOING WEST.		
Port Arthur	Leave	7 25 p.m
Rat Portage	Arrive	1 25 p.m
	Leave	1 35 p.m
Winnipeg	Arrive	8 00 p.m

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RECORD.

RAT PORTAGE, FRIDAY, NOV. 16, '83

Winnipeg Times: "It is reported, on what seems to be good authority, that Brigadier Burden, who has done much yeoman service for Ontario, in the disputed territory, is to be re-called, and will shortly return East from Rat Portage."

—The Times is astray, as it usually is when treating on Rat Portage affairs. We are in a position to state that the "Brigadier" has not only not been recalled, but that he is to remain at his post until further orders. We leave it the Times to point out the occult and sinister reason. It doubtless knows all about it.

We quested much whether the large number of people who legitimately own property at Rat Portage will thank Attorney-General Miller for stating that real estate in this neighborhood is absolutely valueless. Even if it were true, the statement might be set down as injudicious, but when, as we happen to know, it is grossly exaggerated, it may be set down as little short of the recklessly-mischievous. Investments in Hudson Bay lots are still freely made, several locations having been purchased within the past month or two; notably in the neighborhood of the Section B buildings by Mr. R. R. McLennan—including a hotel site and water lots. Nobody appears to doubt the future of Rat Portage, no matter which Government will eventually own the territory, but nobody who has invested, or intends to invest, has ever, that we have heard of, been led, or is likely to be led, to do so by any prospect of Manitoba's becoming the owner of the domain. Mr. Miller went out of his way in a legal argument to depreciate, so far as he could, the value of Rat Portage real estate, and for this the parties interested are likely to remember him for some time to come.

The talented editor of the Regina Leader, emulating the immortal Elia, has been writing a Dissertation on Pigs, and he is particularly [illegible] over a cleanly and healthy female porcine at Regina named Maud which is "very large and has a bosom like the roof of a cavern which has produced a forest of Stalactites," but which, strange to say under the circumstances, "does not care a scratch about wire fences." Nicholas sympathises with Maud in her perambulatory proclivities and says, "it injures the flavor of pigs' flesh not to allow them air and exercise. Some ancient epicures used to have their young pigs wallow in wine and new milk. Massie was said to impart to pork flesh an exquisite flavor. A pig accustomed to a champagne bath would, no doubt, take very well." He says further, "It is a great mistake to make animals too fat. . . . . In mediocitatem lardeu, as a classical pigmaster once said. That is the true way." We recommend our talented friend at once to get possession of Maud and her progeny and immolate the latter as Bobo did, if he can find enough of brush on the banks of the raging Wascana to roast them into odoriferous crackling, like that which turned the head and burned the fingers of the son of Hoti. And when he has done this and permitted all his friends to participate in his exaltation—(we hope by that time he will have no enemies—not even a bank manager)—let him give the world a new "dissertation on roast pig," which shall be as felicitous as that of Charles Lamb—or say his own unsurpassed descriptions of sunrise and sunset on the boundless prairies where he has made his home.

THE POSTMASTERSHIP.

There is considerable speculation in town regarding the appointment of a Postmaster, and some anxiety lest efficient and honorable applicants should be overlooked and the office given as a reward for active political services more or less unscrupulous and dishonest. Of course a Conservative will be appointed, but there are Conservatives and Conservatives, and it is highly desirable in the interests of the whole community that the recipient of this piece of patronage should have the confidence of all, without distinction of party. The present Deputy Postmaster, Mr. Foster, has proved himself efficient, attentive and obliging, to the extent that last summer a requisition, signed by a large majority of the respectable citizens, was forwarded to the Postmaster-General, through Mr. Dawson, asking for his appointment. Everybody felt that one who has fulfilled all the duties of the office so well under the incubus of the ex-Section B contractors, would completely fill the bill when the postmastership became vacant on the disappearance of Shields & Co. That time is now at hand, and the people are anxious to know whether the prayer of their petition is to be granted. We hear that Mr. Chadwick, of the firm of Chadwick & McLellan, [illegible] applicant and that strong influence is at work in his behalf. Mr. Chadwick would be equally unobjectionable with Mr. Foster, and we hope—as every decent citizen hopes—that the post will fall to the lot of one or other of them. The man entrusted with the handling of public and private letters should not only be attentive and obliging but also have a clear business record and be sober, truthful and honest before all men. Let Mr. Dawson see to it that such a man is appointed.

MISLEADING STATEMENTS.

The Manitoba Government undoubtedly suffers great disadvantage through not having at Rat Portage trustworthy agents capable of imparting sound knowledge as to the necessities of the situation from a Manitoba point of view. Over and over again that Government has been misled,—as its Winnipeg organ has been misled—by absolutely false statements, coined to suit the exigencies, personal and otherwise, of a set of characterless wire-pullers, anxious to be considered factors in the political, municipal or territorial settlement of the district generally, and of Rat Portage in particular, in favor of Manitoba. It is unfortunate, of course, that the Government should be compelled to learn the real state of affairs from antagonistic sources, and that it cannot rely upon its professed friends to carry out discreetly or honestly such a policy as in any given contingency may seem desirable; take, for instance, the license question. We cannot find that specific authority was given to any one to close hotels or taverns, not holding or taking a Manitoba license, by the 29th ult. Yet it is a fact that a constable, acting as chief of the Manitoba police, warned all such persons—even those holding a regularly-granted Ontario license—that they would have to close on that date if they had not authority to sell under a Manitoba license. The inference is that some hot-headed person here usurped the functions of the Manitoba Government, and succeeded in placing that Goverment for the time being—once more in a ludicrous and humiliating position. Mr. Miller, who announced his intention some time ago to come out and "fix up" our "little town," will have to bring his own judgement largely to bear in the "fixing-up" process—for he will have to take with many grains of salt any statements that may be made to him by people who, having axes to grind, know that their only chance of succeeding in that operation lies in bamboozling the Norquay Government as to the real position of affairs here.

We observe that the Winnipeg Times had a statement last week to the effect that the Ontario chief of police had bought up all the arms in the town in order to prevent, by force, the issue of Manitoba licenses. The paragraph bore [illegible] upon the face of it. What was done was simply this:—In view of threatened interference with the license holders of Ontario, it was determined to protect them in the lawful exercise of their calling, and to that end, the force of special constables was increased, and the men so added were provided with the necessary arms. It is to be hoped no necessity will arise for using those arms, or for further adding to the force and its efficiency.

WEST HURON.

The return of the new Provincial Treasurer, Hon. A. M. Ross, by acclamation, for West Huron, is a crushing reply to the vapourings of the Mail flunkey who wrote on the 5th instant:

"Hon. Mr. Ross will probably try to keep the issues of the contest in West Huron within the financial lines with which he is most familiar. On those lines he can be met and defeated. And our friends will no doubt see to it that, in West Huron, as in West Simcoe, when the choice comes, the real issues between the two parties shall be presented with sharpness."

Well, there has been no contest in West Huron; there has been no necessity for keeping the "issues within the financial lines" with which Mr. Ross is undoubtedly "familiar," and on which, according to the Mail, he "could have been met and defeated." Why was he not met and defeated? Was not Mayor Meredith of London willing at the eleventh hour to throw himself into the breach and accept the candidature? Or was he, like many honest Conservatives, disgusted with the "issues" which the Mail "presented with sharpness" for his and their consideration? How many men in this Province really believe with the Mail that Mr. Mowat and his party are traitors: that they have lessened the security of private property: that they are making a pretended fight for the award; that they have degraded the cause of temperance, and produced "a state of things shocking in the eyes of God and man?" And does the Mail itself really believe it? There are swashbucklers, gamblers, blacklegs, timber thieves and land grabbers willing enough to believe it, and to those and those only the organ's diatribes are addressed. They will believe it because doing so consorts with their interests, and the Mail hopes to find enough of them on hand at election times to do the dirty work of its party among the unsophisticated electors who have never troubled themselves about politics except in so far as they have been taught to believe that prosperity may be made to come or go according as one or the other party holds the reigns of power. The Mail is about the last journal in the Dominion to prate about Morality and Decency in the same column in which it calls the agents of Ontario in this region Bull Pups and Sluggers; holds Mr. Mowat and his [illegible], responsible for exciting Orangemen against Catholics in one district and Catholics against Orangemen in another; accuses Mr. Mowat of checking the development of the Northwest and attempting to ruin that "grand enterprise" the Canadian Pacific Railway. Did any one ever hear of such fustian as this in the columns of any newspaper professing to create and foster the principles of a great and powerful party? We trow not.

The Government of Mr. Mowat is to be warmly congratulated on the signal victory achieved by the Provincial Treasurer in West Huron. That West Simcoe and Muskoka will follow suit and return the Reform candidates by overwhelming majorities we confidently hope and believe.

MR. MILLER ON A "SETTLEMENT."

Attorney-General Miller, in his usual random and inconsequential style, stated the other day in re "Boston" O'Brien—

"I can assure my learned friend that IN THIS MATTER the Government are only performing their duty in endeavoring to settle this question IN SOME MANNER. It is unquestionable that in the debateable land in which Rat Portage is situated, property has become almost worthless, owing to the unsettled state of affairs there. Capitalists are deterred from investing, insurances are cancelled, property there is worth almost nothing. That is a very unfortunate state of things which cannot be too soon ended. And I have in this case offered my learned friend to allow his lordship to reserve a special case in order to raise this question of jurisdiction, and in the meantime allow my learned friend's client to go Scot-free." The Attorney-General further pointed out that if this defendant had been kept in prison it was the fault of his friends who refused to find bail for him.

To this we reply:

1st—That if the Norquay Government is anxious to settle this question, it can best do so by withdrawing from a territory in which it has no right save such as has been given to it by doubtful Federal legislation for partizan and sectional purposes, and not, in any sense, for its own advantage.

2nd—It is clear that if this land is debateable land it is debateable only so far as Ontario and the Dominion are concerned. If there is a quarrel they are the only parties to it, and the bringing of Manitoba into the dispute was a simple act of cowardice on the part of Sir John Macdonald. Fearing the Quebec Bleus, he was anxious not to alienate his Ontario Conservative friends who, for two sessions of the Provincial Legislature, supported the Mowat Government in its claim to the awarded territory. The Norquay Government was therefore employed to do what Sir John dared not do at that time without endangering his position with his Ontario supporters.

3rd—The Government of which Mr. Miller is a member—through a multiplication of bogus votes which could not have been gathered in any organized district of the Dominion—is perfectly well aware, with Sir John Macdonald, that going to the Privy Council simply means another arbitration with the certainty of Ontario's rights being upheld. If not, why does not one or both Governments take the initiative and bring the question before that body at once? They can do so without Ontario's co-operation. It is therefore sheer folly to charge her with being a stumbling-block in the way of the "settlement" which Attorney-General Miller would have people believe his Government is so anxious to bring about.

4th—Mr. Miller has been good enough to "allow" Mr. Justice Taylor "to reserve a 'special case,' in order to raise this question of jurisdiction," i.e. whether Manitoba has a right to exercise legal authority within the disputed territory. This "special case," we presume, will come before the full Bench of Manitoba, and should its decision be adverse to the Millerite claim, it would undoubtedly furnish an easy way for the Norquay Government to get out of an untenable and increasingly embarrassing position. But if, as is quite possible—we do not say probable—the full Court should sustain Manitoba's jurisdiction, can any sane person be found to say that Mr. Miller's condescension in allowing the reservation of a "special case" has helped one whit in bringing about a settlement? It would simply resolve itself into a case of "meddlesome interference" by a Minister who threatens and who possesses all the attributes to become the most meddlesome and tricky member of a meddlesome and tricky administration.

5th—Mr. Miller evidently considers that in prosecuting O'Brien and the others whom he assisted in kidnapping from this territory, his Government was helping to bring about a "settlement," for he says "in this matter, the Government is only performing its duty in endeavoring to settle this question in some manner." That is to say, he thinks that by arresting an Ontario constable, arraigning him before a Manitoba Court, and twitting his counsel with having no desire to see his client released on bail—when as every one knows O'Brien is held for a more serious and possibly unbailable offence subsequently committed—the Government is placed in a position to help in bringing about a solution of the boundary difficulty! Mr. Miller never was more mistaken in his life. So long as the Norquay Government amuses itself by getting the Legislature to petition the Queen for a settlement, no great harm can be done, but it ought to know by this time that it has gone the length of its tether in this territory, and that if any more tricks like those which have culminated in this prosecution of O'Brien are repeated, a responsibility will be incurred which may place that Government in a position of extreme gravity. The jurisdiction of Ontario in the territory is fully established, and whoever wishes to interfere with the due carrying out of the laws of this Province will find themselves confronted at the outset by contingencies calculated to make a stronger Government than that of Mr. Norquay hesitate. Ontario rules at Rat Portage by the consent of the governed and by virtue of a force of constabulary recruited as occasion demands from among the population. The Municipal Council organized under her statutes is in full working order. So also are her Board of License Commissioners and Inspector. On the other hand, Manitoba possesses a municipal organization which exists only in name—which has become a by-word. The constables she employs are sent out from Winnipeg to overawe the inhabitants favorable to Ontario's authority—even as the Field Battery was sent out from Winnipeg on election day to overawe the electorate. Manitoba rule here means in fact a succession of insults heaped upon a long-suffering people and a succession of promises which meant no more than the idle winds. She has deceived everybody and there are indications that she is going to end by—deceiving herself, and also, perhaps, the arch plotter who so easily enlisted her cheap services.

The people of Rat Portage have been told by Mr. Norquay, and now we find it repeated by Mr. Miller, that on its so-called municipality is based the claim of the Norquay Government to exercise jurisdiction here. This should not be lost on the property-owners, merchants and business men of the town—all of whom are directly interested in giving the coup-de-grace at the earliest moment to the bogus municipality which for the last fifteen months has pretended to exist here under a Manitoba charter of incorporation.

ANTE-ELECTION GRANT.

The true inwardness of the $1000 grant by the Norquay Government just before the election, has only just come to light. It seems $500 was placed at the disposal of Mayor Oliver and his Council for municipal purposes, and $500 was similarly placed to the credit of Messrs. Rideout, Gadbois and Scovil for road improvements. The Mayor had complained, time and again, that employees of his corporation were unpaid through lack of funds, that he could get no revenue from licenses, etc. to make necessary improvements, that there was a large indebtedness for small-pox expenditure, etc., for which the Council individually and collectively were held responsible. It was thought, no doubt, that a grant in aid, just before the election, would be taken as an earnest of future intentions, and have the best possible effect on the return of Mr. Miller if not on that of Mr. Plummer. The Mayor, has we believe, disbursed and honestly disbursed—principally in paying patient and long-suffering employees—over $450 of the sum granted him. The balance remains to the credit of the corporation in a Winnipeg bank.

The $500 for road improvement was placed, practically, in the hands of Messrs Rideout and Gadbois as road commissioners—Dr. Scovil having declined to act. How that money has been expended has become a matter of interest to the citizens. It is noteworthy that when Hon. Mr. Brown visited Rat Portage—as the Winnipeg Sun declares to see to the closing down of public works here—he called upon the Mayor, presumably as a practical man and a contractor, to accompany him over the strip of roadway beyond the dump leading to the "new cemetery," on which roadway the $500 was supposed to have been expended. What Mr. Brown thought we are of course in no position to say, but we know that the value of the work done is estimated by a competent authority to be considerably within $150. We know, also, that the Mayor, under the circumstances, felt himself justified in asking Councillor Gadbois, at the last council meeting, some particulars as to the alleged expenditure. Mr. Gadbois answered, it is said, rather curtly, that it was none of His Worship's business and declined to give him any information. Probably Mr. Oliver considered that, as the result of his inspection of the work in company with the Minister, he was justified in making the enquiry—or it may be that he was desired to make it. In any event, we believe the information has not, up to the present writing, been vouchsafed. It is possible, of course, that a large part of the grant is unexpended, and that the intention is to still further extend the "cemetery road" in the spring. If that is the case, the people of the town, and particularly Manitoba sympathisers, have a right to be made acquainted with the fact. If, on the other hand, the work done has cost $500, they equally have a right to know it.

Whatever faults may have been charged against the Mayor—and we are free to express our belief that they are of the head rather than the heart—we believe he may be safely credited with an honest intention to act, so far as in him lies, for the best interests of the citizens. That he would divert a single dollar of public money from its legitimate channels we do not believe—nor has anything of the kind ever been charged against him. His great weakness is shown in the facility with which he has hitherto allowed himself to be bamboozled, and in his readiness to accept for gospel the assurances and promises of the Government which, over and over again, declared its intention of sustaining him. Had the $500 for road improvements been entrusted to him we believe what he calls the "Manitoba side" of the Main street would long ere this, have been graded, the sidewalk repaired, and the boulders to which he has so decided an objection would have permanently disappeared. As it is, all that has been done is the building of a piece of road to the "new cemetery," situated on what is called the "Rideout estate."

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Argus Eyes.

The saw mills at Keewatin have shut down for the winter months.

The stores in all lines report business during the past week very good.

Mr. John Mather of Keewatin Mills is about to pay another visit to Ottawa on business.

Nearly all the lumbering parties have left with supplies and men for winter quarters.

Van Buskirk, Sewell & Seaton have removed their offices to the south end of Main street.

Commissioner Patton went to Port Arthur on Saturday last. He will return early next week.

A force pump and two Babcock Fire Extinguishers are now in full working order at the Ontario Court House.

The new Assessor, Mr. Alex. McQuarrie, is now engaged in carrying out his duties and the roll will shortly be completed.

The Steamer "Princess" slipped her moorings on Sunday, during the storm, and got into trouble with the Rainy Lake Lumber Co.'s logs. No serious injury.

The regular force of the Ontario Police to be at once provided with Buffalo coats and beaver caps for winter services, also batons, belts and revolver pouches.

The Manitoba Police appear to have settled down for the winter in an unlicensed tavern, in which they are interested, and in which some of them serve behind the bar.

It is reported that the Queen's hotel is to be managed by one of our most popular citizens, in a short time, and that Mr. Gore will give all his attention to the wholesale business.

Mr. Carnovsky, recently yard-master of the C. P. R., has been called to attend the bed of his father at Kingston. Mrs. Carnovsky and family meantime remain at Rat Portage.

Mr. Robertson, an Attorney and Solicitor of Ontario, who has been practising in Winnipeg for some time, has taken up residence in Rat Portage, and intends to open an office.

Messrs. Coker, Redden, McKay and Brady, of the Ontario police force, were in Winnipeg last week attending the trial of O'Brien for assaulting Harding Rideout. They returned home with whole skins.

As the weather softens, our worthy Reeve and Council should lose no time in mending the sidewalk on the East side of Main street and doing away with those dangerous steps, which are suggestive of action for damages.

Mr. Young held Episcopal morning and evening service in the Ontario Court House last Sunday, administering the sacrament at the conclusion of the former. The choir is strong in numbers and is improving, thanks to frequent practice. Miss Gunn proves a very efficient organist.

Mr. James Gore has sold out his grocery store on Main street to Mr. R. B. Donkin who will carry on the business. Mr. D. is a well known and generally respected as a good, genial citizen, and no doubt his new venture will meet with every encouragement from his many friends. We wish him every prosperity.

It is stated that Mr. Hugh Sutherland, M. P., contemplates an early visit to England in connection with the business of the Rainy Lake Lumber Co. The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. William Buckingham, leaves Winnipeg shortly with his family, and will sojourn until spring at Stratford, Ont.

A pleasant re-union took place at the residence of Mr. Sheppard, Manager of the Rainy Lake Lumber Company, last Saturday evening, on the occasion of his taking possession of his new residence. There were present Mayor Oliver, Stipendiary Magistrate Lyon, and Messrs. A. Mathewson, A. Makinson, Dulmage, Doherty, Moore, Foster, Sutherland and W. H. McKay. A very agreeable time was spent and the company express themselves as highly delighted with Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard's hospitality.

A few employees of the Wabigon section of the C. P. R., awaited upon Mr. W. Daly, superintendent of construction on this section, last Saturday evening at Shebawk Lake, and presented him with a silver tea set and a gold watch and chain. A gold watch chain and locket were also presented to Mrs. Daly. The address was read by Mr. Emerson, of Rossland. Mr. Daly replied in a very appropriate manner, and after the presentation a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SQUATTER'S COMMISSION.—On the return of Mr. Patrullo from Port Arthur early next week, the commission to enquire into and settling claims in this portion of the District of Algoma will resume its sittings at the Ontario Court House.

STRIKE.—The tug Victoria while towing two barges of cordwood, about seven or eight miles from Rat Portage, on Friday night last, struck a sunk n rock and lost her rudder. Captain Gibbons had considerable difficulty in bringing his craft into safe quarters after several hours' delay.

DEATH OF CAPT. WYLIE.—One of our oldest lake Captains and pioneers has passed away in the person of Thos. Wylie, who departed this life at Rat Portage on Monday morning last, at the age of 62 years. Mr. Wylie was a native of the North of Ireland, and emigrated to this country at a very early age.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Council was held in the Ontario Court Room on Saturday evening, the Reeve in the chair. Present, Councillors Baker, Chadwick and Stubbs.

Moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Chadwick, that By-law No. 5 prohibiting the deposit of material, refuse, etc., on the public thoroughfares, be read a first and second time. Carried and by-law read.

Councillor Stubbs gave notice that he would introduce a by-law for repealing a by-law for the appointment of a Fire Inspector.

Councillor Chadwick gave notice that he would introduce a by-law at the next meeting to prevent the slaughtering of cattle near the public thoroughfares.

On motion of Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Chadwick, Mr. Alexander McQuarrie was appointed Assessor in place of Carnovsky resigned.

The Council then adjourned to meet again on the 10th inst.

The Times publishes a leader on the late Capt. Mayne Reid, in which it says: "Of his class of writers, he certainly was the best, and those who have read him as boys will not allow their mature critical judgment to condemn him altogether."

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

Have you seen Jim Gore's stylish blucked beaver coat? It's immense. THE DOCTOR.

No—but have you seen the Doctor's $50 sea-otter cap? It's a daisy. GILL KIBBONS.

How do you like my fur coat? JAKE.

Very appropriate—wolf-skin. CLIENT.

I should like to know what became of the money Norquay sent out before election for road improvements. HIS WORSHIP.

It was spent in making the road to the cemetery beyond the dump. But it's none of your business to enquire, anyhow. "COMMISSIONER" GADFLY.

I'm glad I kept out out of that business anyhow.

Never mind. I'm away now, but in this matter two was company and three would have been none. "COMMISSIONER" STUBBOUT.

I'll have to cover up this expenditure somehow, next session. It's clear to me there has not been $130 spent on the road. HON. C. P. BROWN.

If the cemetery road, so called, cost $500 how it that so much was done in the town with the $600 given us by the Mowat Government? THE CITIZENS.

I hear the Ontario Council has received $100 from the Hudson's Bay Company to help carry on the work. That shows the Company has confidence that the money will be properly applied. THE ARGUS.

We have a surplus large enough to finish Main street in the spring and improve all the sidewalks. THE COUNCIL.

When are you going to take away that boulder? HIS WORSHIP.

Don't you think my silver-headed cane takes the shine out of Brereton's pinch-beck! JAKEY BRYDON.

Yes, but yours was not the gift of "the citizens." What are you exhibiting it for, anyhow? Is it to use next time you are elbowed off the sidewalk?

ONE OF THE FIVE SUBSCRIBERS.

My dear boy, our cases are entirely different. Don't you know that besides being a magistrate, I served in the Royal Irish constabulary! And you were NOT a graduate of Edinburgh University, though you said you were, and you can't sing the "Maid of Athens" worth a cent. THE CAPTAIN.

And the Captain sings in the choir. THE YOUNG LADIES.

And he's la-de-dah for a rooster of his age. The stick was wanted to complete him. J. R. GUNN.

P'Shaw! You're only jealous. Everybody says he has a very taking way with him. HANNER MARIAR.

Yes, particularly when he gets hold of a man for selling whiskey down the line. He "takes" then so astonishingly that the victim feels inclined to fall down and worship him for being so like McCabe!

OUR VERMILION CORRESPONDENT.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

The following cases were disposed of by Stipendiary Lyon:

On the 9th inst. Jacob Moving, drunk and disorderly, fined $2 and costs or 10 days in jail. Paid fine.

On the 10th, James Ball, drunk and disorderly, fined $2 and costs or 10 days. Paid fine.

On the 14th, John Sullivan drunk and incapable, fined $2 and costs, or 10 days hard labour. In default committed to jail.

On same date, George Dixon, drunk in town, fined $2 and costs or 10 days. Fine paid.

THE abstention of Mr. Meredith, leader of the Ontario Opposition, from recent contests in some of the constituencies of that Province is looked upon as rather strange. There are only two ways of explaining his virtual separation of himself from the duties of his position. One is, that he has purposely been set aside by Sir John as having too little force and too many scruples to conduct the political campaign in the way the Ottawa wire-pullers want. The other is, that he cannot bring himself to take the stand these wire-pullers require of him. At all events, the interference of the Dominion Ministers in local political affairs has placed Mr. Meredith in an uncomfortable position, and has done little good to the Conservative cause in Ontario.—Manitoba Free Press.

RENEWING THEIR PERMITS.

The timber licenses granted to Messrs. Costigan, Short and Major Lewis to cut timber in Ontario territory in the vicinity of Lake of the Woods are to be renewed by Mr. Macpherson, the new Minister of the Interior. Sir John Macdonald resisted the importunities of his devoted friends until he made his escape from the Interior Department, leaving the whole matter to be dealt with by his successor. In an interview with your correspondent Major Lewis stated that his renewal of permits would be a grand thing for Messrs. Short, Patterson, & Company, as well as himself. He said Mr. Costigan was not now an active member of Mr. Short's firm, but added:—"We are using our influence in matters through. What are Ministers and members of Parliament for if they can't make themselves useful?" This is exceedingly flattering to Mr. Costigan. When a Minister of the Crown becomes a tool of men like these, Canadians may well blush for the honour and dignity of their Government. And the patriots are to have the privilege of plundering timber lands on territory which even the Tory organs admit belongs to Ontario.—Globe.

WEALTH INSTEAD OF POVERTY.

Birmingham (Conn.) Correspondence N. Y. Sun:

Not long ago an Irishman named Peter McEnerney died in this city. He had come over from Ireland but a few years before. He left a family of seven children, the eldest of whom is 21. He kept a small grocery store, keeping up some show of respectability, but living apparently on almost nothing at all. At his death he left no will, and the widow and orphans expected to fare but poorly. As the administrator went to work, however, he revealed new wonders at every step. First a large amount of real estate belonging to McEnerney, and amounting to about $100,000 in value was discovered. Hardly was the surprise at this over when word came from Fisk & Hatch in New York that they held $150,000 in bonds for McEnerney. How the man ever collected so great an amount of property is a mystery to his family as much as to everybody else.

Sir Charles Tupper is expected from England about New Years.

THE RAINY RIVER FRAUDS.

To the Editor of the Argus,

Sir—I notice that the Mail of the 7th inst. contains a statement that Plummer's majority at Fort Francis was 87, which is as true as the average statements of that journal. The untruthfulness of the Mail of late, in respect to matters we are intimately acquainted with and which affect our interests here, has become so proverbial, that any one who desires to demonstrate the falsity of any newspaper report relating to Rat Portage or Rainy River, has only to say he saw it in the Mail. A good many people are aware of the facts in relation to the Fort Francis and Rainy River Polls, but for the information of the general public it may be well to state a few of those facts. The steamer Enterprise was advertised to run regular trips from Rat Portage to Fort Francis, and at election time there was no other boat on the route, and its owner and captain of the Enterprise was a strong partizan, willing to do the bidding of the most unscrupulous of the promoters of Plummer's interests. The Enterprise left the wharf at Rat Portage and steamed out into the Lake of the Woods before the arrival of the train from Port Arthur, in order to prevent Mr. Meek, the person intrusted with the ballot boxes and ballot papers for Rainy River and Fort Francis from getting on board, and she remained tied to an island until the captain got his full complement of the electioneering gang detailed for service at Rainy River gathered up. When the Enterprise left, Mr. Meek had no way of getting to the polling places but by canoe. He secured a canoe and some of the best men to be got in Rat Portage, and set out for Rainy River and Fort Francis, but a storm arose and he found it impossible to reach the mouth of Rainy River and had to remain on Basil's Island till picked up by the steamer Algoma on the morning of the elections. It was late in the afternoon when the Algoma reached the first polling place on Rainy River, and it was not considered advisable to open a pole, as those who came to vote had returned to their homes. It must be plain to anyone that the fault was not that of the Ontario authorities, but the Shields-Plummer gang who had evidently determined on carrying the election by the most barefaced trickery. The Enterprise called at every place on the river where it was thought a vote could be influenced for Plummer, either by the offer of a free passage, money, and free freight, and all those who were unfavorable were left without any means of getting to the polls but by canoe. One person favorable to Mr. Lyon had a large quantity of supplies on the Enterprise, sent from Rat Portage: those supplies were carried several miles beyond his dwelling and left on the shore till the Enterprise returned from Fort Francis, for no other purpose than to prevent his getting on board and meeting a friend of Mr. Lyon's who wished to see him. After scouring the settlements on the river and collecting all voters who were supposed to be favorable to Plummer, they were landed at Fort Francis, a ballot box was constructed, forged ballots were produced, and a poll taken the result of which was a majority of SEVENTEEN for Plummer! Had there been any one present to counteract the barefaced falsehoods and wholesale bribery carried on, the result would have been at least a majority of twenty-five for Lyon, and as many more at the polling place at Lindsay's on the river. These are facts which I defy any one of the Mail's informants to gainsay, and should the election be protested, they must all come out at the trial to the signal discomfiture of those who would have the public believe the contrary.

Yours, &c.,

ONE WHO KNOWS.

PASS THE ORANGE BILL.

(Manitoulin Expositor)

The Ontario Government now has an opportunity of performing an act which will not only strengthen them with the country but also beneficial to the Province—and that is, granting the Orangemen their long sought Act of Incorporation.

Personally we believe the Orangemen would be much better without this Act of Incorporation. In our opinion it would be much better for each lodge to incorporate under the general act as they would then each hold their own lodge property in their own right, instead of having it placed to a certain extent under the control of Grand Lodge. But the orangemen generally are undoubtedly in favor of a special act of incorporation and since they desire it they have a perfect right to demand it. The granting of this would not interfere with the legal rights of any other body, and we have the word of intelligent catholics that they would like to see the Bill become law as it would do away with an unpleasant agitation.

In fact there is no good reason why the asked for legislation should not be granted, there are on the contrary good reasons why it should. Looking at it from a party stand-point there can be no doubt that the granting of such a measure would materially strengthen the Administration with the country. But we take higher ground than this and consider it from a patriotic stand-point. In a country like Canada, made up of people of diverse nationalities and religious beliefs everything which can tend to stir up sectional and national animosities should be avoided. And this is not to be done by refusing, in defence of the prejudices of the ignorant of one class, the just rights of another class but rather by doing justice to all. So long as Orangemen are refused what they are clearly entitled to so long will they harbour bitter feelings to catholics whom they accuse of endeavoring to deprive them of what they ask, and their hostile utterances thereby caused will be reciprocated by those who should be their brethren. If, on the other hand, Orangemen were granted what they ask nobody's rights would be invaded, an unpleasant agitation would be stamped out, and the two classes would dwell together in greater unity than they do at present.

By all means give the Orangemen this Act of Incorporation and be done with it.

Maria McCabe, sentenced to death for throwing her child in a cistern at Hamilton, has been given twenty years instead.

The Central Pacific is pamphleteering the agricultural resources and natural beauties of California at great expense.

Hudson, the former husband of Frank Dubbs, the woman-man who married Gertie Fuller, at Waupun, says he often thought she was insane.

—General Manager Manvel has gone to Grand Forks, where he will endeavor to show before the court why the injunction obtained by the Fargo Southern should not be continued.

North Carolina sold 20,000 acres of swamp land for 2½ cents an acre, the other day. The buyers will clear and till it.

DEATH.

At Rat Portage, on the 12th inst., after a short illness, Capt. Thos. Wylie, aged 62 years.

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TIGHT BINDING

RAILWAY NEWS.

The Ratification of Railway Projects.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway was held at the office of the company November 5th. The meeting was called for the purposes contained in the following circular:

"To authorize the company to sell to the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company the portion of railway lying between Perth and Smith's Falls; also, to lease the several railways of the Credit Valley Railway Company, the Ontario & Quebec Railway Company and part of the railway of the Atlantic & Northwest Railway Company, together with the lines leased by these companies respectively, and the appurtenances of these railways, and to lease the lines of any amalgamated company into which the several companies or any of them shall merge: and in respect of such lease, and of the assumption or guarantee and payment of the interest, dividends or coupons upon the securities issued or to be issued by the several companies to exercise the powers conferred upon the company by the statute of the Dominion Parliament, passed in the session thereof held in the forty-sixth year of Her Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.'"

The meeting, which was largely represented by proxy, was unanimous in authorizing the Directors to carry out these projects. It then adjourned until the 19th inst.

Possible Early Construction of the Portage Central Railway.

As a result of recent negotiations between the promoters of the Portage Central and the directors of the M. & N. W. Railway, there is an early prospect of something being done towards starting work on this enterprise. Surveyors will be sent over the proposed route as soon as possible—probably in two weeks time—in order to obtain an estimate of the cost of constructing the line; and, if the scheme is found practicable, they will then enter into arrangements with the charter-holders, and, on conditions hereafter to be made, will assume the responsibility of building the line. We understand that the directors of the M. & N. W. are very favorably impressed with the scheme of building this road, and will put forth every effort to have it carried out. The trial lines will first be run between this town and the Tiger Hills. The municipalities through which the line will pass have promised liberal bonuses, and the municipality of Cypress has passed a by-law granting $70,000 for a railway. To ensure the building of this line, the citizens of this town and the settlers in the outlying districts which will be benefitted by the line must awake to the great importance attached to the undertaking, and give liberal assistance in every material manner possible.

A Speculative Genius on the alleged Suspension of Work on the C. P. R.

The story, says the Montreal Gazette, that the Canadian Pacific Railway had suspended work in the Rocky mountains and discharged several thousand workmen, pending further surveys of the Kicking Horse Pass, to which we gave a denial on Monday, has been going the rounds of the press, and in its travels exciting some ludicrous commentaries. Thus the St. Paul Pioneer Press assures its readers that the managers of the railway "have been disappointed in the expected rapid development of the country along their completed line," nothwithstanding the fact that the immigration into the Northwest increased three-fold the year after the contract was undertaken, and it goes on to say that "observing persons have anticipated possible difficulties, growing out of or connected with the recent severe business depression in Montreal, and there is a general disposition to attribute the sudden stoppage of the work to this cause," although there has been no

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in this city, and if there had been it would not have affected in any degree the financial position of the Pacific Railway Company. The Pioneer Press then takes a glance into the future and discovers that "the discontent in British Columbia, which was pacified with difficulty by the resumption of active operations upon the eastern end of the line, is likely to revive, and Lord Lansdowne may encounter the same embarrassments Lord Dufferin met with so much tact and judgment. It is possible that the delay in the completion of the line may also increase the difficulties which are beginning to gather about the Macdonald government." All of which is very amusing reading to those who remember that the contract with the company does not call for the completion of the road until 1891, a period three years later than that which it would be finished even if a delay of two years in the meantime were to occur. But there will be no such delay. The Kicking Horse Pass has been demonstrated a feasible, nay, an admirable one, the location of the line has been made through it, and work will go on uninterruptedly, the bogus telegrams of "bears" on the stock and the country to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Question of the C. P. R. Passes in the Rockies.

The Brandon Sun is authority for the statement that the difficulty which has been facing the C. P. R. authorities, after leaving the summit is about to be overcome. A gentleman in the city has received a letter from a friend who is with a survey party, under Mr. Charles Shaw, C. E., who has been prospecting for a route for the past month. The letter will speak for itself. It is dated, "Camp of the Blaeberry River, Howse Pass, B. C., October, 11th, 1883." Failing this, Mr. Shaw, asked for and got permission from Mr. Ross, Superintendent of construction, to take a party and discover, if possible, a better route. The letter goes on:

"They followed the Bow River up to its source, then struck a stream that runs into the North Saskatchewan, which they followed to its mouth, and then up the Saskatchewan to its source, near which is the source of the Blaeberry River, on which we are working, and which runs into the Columbia River. There is no comparison between the two passes, as the new one has splendid broad valleys and good grades, while the "Kicking Horse" in places runs through dangerous canons, and in one part is 800 feet up the side of the mountain, on the face of a precipice, and would cost about $350,000 a mile. As there are 15 or 18 miles of it, it would amount to a big sum. The only thing against the new pass is that it is 25 or 30 miles longer; but the cost would not be so great as the other."

"The scenery on the way up was very beautiful. The Bow River has its source in a large lake at an elevation of over 6,000 feet above the sea. The lake is full of magnificent salmon. We managed to catch eleven of them while we were there, none of which weighed less than eight pounds, and several went as high as twelve pounds. We are in a splendid hunting country. Some of the bear tracks are enormous, and none of the boys hanker after meeting one of them. The sheep have regular beaten trails in places, as have also the bears."

SIGNALS.

—Railway petitions are being circulated in Nelson and North Dufferin, and are being extensively signed.

—The yard engine has been removed from Emerson to Rat Portage, where there is more for it to do.

—The M. & N. W. Railway authorities are busy lifting the track laid north of the White Mud River at Gladstone.

—The officials of the Canadian Pacific will be requested to adopt standard time on their line, to begin at noon on the 11th inst.

—The Emerson loop line is about completed, and only now awaits the finishing of the bridge to be ready for operation.

—The work on the C. P. R. dock at Port Arthur is still progressing. The planks are being laid rapidly and will soon be completed.

—It is not generally known but is nevertheless a fact, that the C. P. R. authorities allow any person injured in their employ board and lodging and medical attendance while absent from work, and guarantee them work after recovery.

—On and after Friday, 9th instant, but three trains each way per week will be run between Rat Portage and Port Arthur, leaving Rat Portage on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Port Arthur on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A daily train each way will continue to be run between Winnipeg and Rat Portage.

—The November number of Rand-McNally's official Railway Guide contains a carefully prepared map showing the localities governed by the new standard of time which was recently adopted by the railroads, and is to go into effect Nov 18. The Guide also contains a table giving the solar time of principal cities as compared with five meridians adopted by the Time-Table Convention in this city October 11, 1883, which will prove of great value for reference after the new standard time has gone into effect.

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